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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In Response to the Office Action mailed May 01, 2002, please amend the Application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

The paragraph beginning on page 5, line 22 has been amended as follows:

Surprisingly, it has now been found that salt-like structured silicates described below have advantageous charge control properties and high heat stabilities, the charge control property being lost neither by combination with carbon black nor with other coloring agents. The compounds are moreover readily compatible with the customary toner, powder coating and electret binders and can easily be dispersed. The resin-carrier systems which usually have a negative control can furthermore also be effectively charged positively. Thus, the invention, in one form, provides a method of imparting, controlling or improving the charge of an electrophotographic

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